

# NEGRO SPIRITUALS

Arranged for Solo Voice by

## H. T. BURLEIGH

Ain't Goin' to Study War No Mo' *Two keys*  
Balm in Gilead *Two keys*  
By An' By *Two keys*  
Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray *Two keys*  
De Blin' Man Stood on De Road An' Cried *Two keys*  
De Gospel Train *Two keys*  
Deep River *Three keys*  
Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel *One key*  
Don't Be Weary Traveler *Two keys*  
Don't You Weep When I'm Gone *One key*  
Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit *Two keys*  
Give Me Jesus. *Two keys*  
Go Down in the Lonesome Valley *Three keys*  
Go Down Moses *Two keys*  
Go Tell It On De Mountains  
Hard Trials *One key*  
Hear de Lambs a-Cryin' *One key*  
Heav'n Heav'n *Two keys*  
He's Just De Same Today *Two keys*  
I Don't Feel No-Ways Tired *One key*  
I Got A Home In A-Dat Rock *Two keys*  
I Know De Lord's Laid His Hands On Me *Two keys*  
I Stood On De Ribber Ob Jerdon *Two keys*  
I've Been In De Storm So Long

I Want To Be Ready *One key*  
John's Gone Down On De Island *Two keys*  
Joshua Fit De Battle Ob Jericho  
Let Us Cheer The Weary Traveler *Two keys*  
Little David Play on Your Harp *Two keys*  
My Lord What A Morning *Two keys*  
My Way's Cloudy *One key*  
Nobody Knows De Trouble I've Seen *Two keys*  
Oh Didn't It Rain *Two keys*  
Oh Wasn't Dat a Wide Ribber *One key*  
Oh Peter Go Ring Dem Bells *Two keys*  
O Rocks Don't Fall On Me *Two keys*  
Ride on King Jesus  
Sinner Please Doan Let Dis Harves' Pass *One key*  
Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child *Three keys*  
Stan' Still Jordan *Three keys*  
Steal Away *Two keys*  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot *Two keys*  
'Tis Me O Lord *One key*  
Weepin' Mary *Two keys*  
Were You There *Three keys*  
Wade In De Water *Two keys*  
You May Bury Me in De Eas' *Two keys*

Low      Medium      High

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THE plantation songs known as "spirituals" are the spontaneous outbursts of intense religious fervor, and had their origin chiefly in camp meetings, revivals and other religious exercises.

They were never "composed," but sprang into life, ready made, from the white heat of religious fervor during some protracted meeting in camp or church, as the simple, ecstatic utterance of wholly untutored minds, and are practically the only music in America which meets the scientific definition of Folk Song.

Success in singing these Folk Songs is primarily dependent upon deep spiritual feeling. The voice is not nearly so important as the spirit; and then rhythm, for the Negro's soul is linked with rhythm, and it is an essential characteristic of most all the Folk Songs.

It is a serious misconception of their meaning and value to treat them as "minstrel" songs, or to try to make them funny by a too literal attempt to imitate the manner of the Negro in singing them, by swaying the body, clapping the hands, or striving to make the peculiar inflections of voice that are natural with the colored people. Their worth is weakened unless they are done impressively, for through all these songs there breathes a hope, a faith in the ultimate justice and brotherhood of man. The cadences of sorrow invariably turn to joy, and the message is ever manifest that eventually deliverance from all that hinders and oppresses the soul will come, and man—every man—will be free.

H. T. B.

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# Sometimes I feel like a Motherless Child

Negro Spiritual  
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*Lamentoso*

Voice

Piano

*pp*

*p ben sostenuto*

Some-times I feel like a moth-er-less chile,

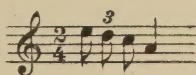
\*)

Some-times I feel like a moth-er-less chile,

Some-times I feel like a moth-er-less chile, — A long

*p*

\*) The original form of this measure was written



In order to facilitate vocalization I have taken

the liberty of altering it as above. H. T. B.



ways- from home a long ways- from

*rit.*

*a tempo*

home. A long ways- from home

*a tempo*

a long ways- from home.



*p*  
Some-times I feel like I'm

The first system of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole rest for four measures, then enters with the lyrics "Some-times I feel like I'm". The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a melodic line in the right hand with a slur over the first four measures and a crescendo hairpin, and a bass line with sustained chords. A piano (*p*) dynamic marking is present above the vocal line and below the piano right hand.

al - mos' gone — Some-times I feel like I'm al - mos' gone —  
*cres - cen - do*

The second system continues the vocal melody with the lyrics "al - mos' gone — Some-times I feel like I'm al - mos' gone —". The piano accompaniment includes a crescendo hairpin across the middle of the system, with the word "cres - cen - do" written below the piano right hand.

Some-times I feel like I'm al - mos' gone — A long

The third system concludes the page with the lyrics "Some-times I feel like I'm al - mos' gone — A long". The piano accompaniment features a final melodic phrase in the right hand and sustained chords in the left hand.



ways from home \_\_\_\_\_ a long ways\_ from

The first system of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note 'ways', followed by a quarter note 'from', a dotted half note 'home' with a long horizontal line underneath, a quarter note 'a', a half note 'long', and a dotted half note 'ways\_' with a horizontal line underneath, ending with a quarter note 'from'. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a right hand with chords and a left hand with chords and a descending line.

home. \_\_\_\_\_ A long ways\_ from home \_\_\_\_\_ a

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a dotted half note 'home.' with a horizontal line underneath, followed by a quarter note 'A', a half note 'long', a dotted half note 'ways\_' with a horizontal line underneath, a quarter note 'from', a dotted half note 'home' with a horizontal line underneath, and a quarter note 'a'. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a right hand with chords and a left hand with chords and a descending line.

*rit. e dim. a tempo*  
long ways\_ from home. \_\_\_\_\_

*pp rit. e dim. p a tempo ppp*

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a half note 'long', followed by a dotted half note 'ways\_' with a horizontal line underneath, a quarter note 'from', a dotted half note 'home.' with a horizontal line underneath, and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment (grand staff) features a right hand with chords and a left hand with chords and a descending line. The system includes dynamic markings: *pp*, *rit. e dim.*, *p a tempo*, and *ppp*.



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## ARRANGED FOR FEMALE VOICES

Balm in Gilead.  
By An' By.  
De Blin' Man Stood On De Road.  
Deep River.  
De Gospel Train.  
Ezekiel Saw De Wheel.  
Go Down Moses.  
Hard Trials.  
Heav'n Heav'n.  
I Don't Feel No Ways Tired.  
I Want To Be Ready.

My Way's Cloudy.  
Nobody Knows De Trouble I've Seen.  
Oh Didn't It Rain.  
Oh Peter Go Ring Dem Bells.  
Sinner Please Doan Let Dis Harves' Pass.  
Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child.  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.  
'Tis Me O Lord.  
Walk Together Children  
Weepin' Mary.  
Were You There.

## ARRANGED FOR MALE VOICES

Balm in Gilead.  
By and By.  
Deep River.  
De Gospel Train.  
Ezekiel Saw De Wheel.  
Go Down Moses.  
Hard Trials.

Heav'n Heav'n.  
Nobody Knows De Trouble I've Seen.  
Oh Peter Go Ring Dem Bells.  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.  
'Tis Me O Lord.  
Walk Together Children  
Were You There.

## ARRANGED FOR MIXED VOICES

Behold That Star.  
Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray.  
De Gospel Train.  
Don't Be Weary Traveler.  
Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit.  
Ezekiel Saw De Wheel.  
Go Down Moses.  
Go Tell It on De Mountains.  
Hear De Lambs a-crying.  
Heav'n Heav'n.  
Hold On  
I Hope My Mother Will Be There.

I'm A Rollin'.  
Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveller.  
My Lord What A Morning.  
Nobody Knows De Trouble I've Seen.  
O Lord Have Mercy On Me  
Sinner Please Doan Let Dis Harves' Pass.  
Stan' Still Jordan  
Steal Away.  
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.  
Wade In De Water.  
Were You There.  
You Goin to Reap Jus' What You Sow



